

# AMERICAN-BUILT BATTLEPLANES ARE NOW ON THEIR WAY TO FRANCE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The first American-built battleplanes are en route to France, nearly five months ahead of the original schedule.

In making this announcement, Secretary Baker said the first shipment, although in itself not large, marks the final overcoming of many difficulties met in building up this new and intricate industry.

"These planes," Mr. Baker said, "are equipped with the first Liberty motors from machine production. One of them in a recent test surpassed all records for speed and climbing for planes of that type. Engine production, which began a month ago, is now on a quantity basis and the peak of production will be reported in a few weeks. Only the 12-cylinder type is being made, as developments abroad have made it wise to concentrate on the high-powered engine instead of the 8-cylinder."

Optimistic as these statements appear, the secretary said they should not be exaggerated and should be

considered in the light of these facts:

That after three years of warfare the total number of planes able to take the air at any one time on either side of the western front has not been more than 2500.

That forty-six men are required on the ground for every plane in the air, making a total of 115,000 men needed for the present maximum of 2500 planes.

That for every plane in the air, there must be two replacement planes on the ground and one training plane for every pilot who eventually reaches the front, with a spare engine for each plane.

After reviewing the many obstacles that had to be overcome in getting the aircraft production program under way, Mr. Baker said the great problem now is to secure thousands of skilled mechanics, engineers, motor repair men, wood and metal workers, etc., needed to keep the planes in perfect condition and without which the machines

turned out soon would be useless and the fliers helpless.

"At best," said the secretary, "the life of a plane is about two months, and the engine must be overhauled after seventy-five hours, while a pilot of a plane allowed to leave the hangars in imperfect condition is as helpless as a bird with a broken wing."

"Now that American battleplanes are going overseas, a great increase in the volunteering of skilled mechanics is both essential and expected."

During the past months, Mr. Baker said, a responsive channel of communication with the allies has been opened, the latest types of foreign machines have been adapted to American manufacture, the industry increased at least twentyfold, the training plane problem solved and the production of battleplanes begun.

American battleplanes were not due in France under the original schedule until July.

# GERMANY'S WAR DEBT AMASSES AND NO PLAN FOR REDEMPTION IS MADE

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The steady increase in Germany's national debt owing to the war and the delay in adopting a sweeping plan of taxation reform to care for the increased liabilities of the empire, already more than twenty times higher than the national debt at the outbreak of the war, is a source of constant concern to German financial experts.

In the Berlin Tageblatt of January 5, Arthur Norden, the paper's financial expert, sharply criticizes the failure of the government to provide for any redemption of the war debt aside from a proviso establishing a redemption fund for the 4½ per cent treasury certificates which formed a small part of the last two war loans. He calls for radical measures to check the piling up of the burden of war indebtedness.

Norden contrasts with the policy of Germany, which, as is known, has not provided even enough increased taxation to meet the interest on its war debt and is paying a part of the interest coupons of earlier war

loans from new borrowings, with that of Great Britain, which, he points out, had raised by taxation almost 25 per cent of its war expenditures down to the end of 1917.

The argument that a heavier taxation of war profits, which make up the bulk of the nominal increase in Germany's capital, would interfere with the productiveness of German industry and the fear that increased taxation of incomes would kill the war-willingness of the population are dismissed as unfounded. In fact, Mr. Norden argues, to attack the abnormally high war incomes attained in certain industries and by certain elements of the population would be of decided value in cutting down the high cost of living resulting from the extravagant standards of life among the war profiteers.

Norden cites the action of the American government in establishing maximum prices for steel and other raw materials of war industry and in immediately introducing high war taxes as an admirable example for Germany to follow and speaks with

admiration of the Wilson plan of taking control of the railroads.

Norden's scheme for taking care of the state debt comprises a radical increase in the tax on incomes, not upon capital as generally contemplated by German financiers. He holds that the proposed taxes upon capital merely lead to extravagant spending, while the income tax can be so adjusted to bear heaviest upon the recipients of high war incomes.

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## SOLDIERS EAGER FOR TECHNICAL LORE

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 21.—Technical books for soldiers is the need for the library at Camp Kearney, and the word has gone forth to all the professional societies, guilds and associations in California to send their surplus copies to the cantonment library.

The library has been one of the most successful branches of the community service work at Camp Kearney, according to the records of attendance, and the words of the men themselves. Its shelves were stocked, in the main, by donations of books from people in different parts of the country who were interested through the recent war library campaign. These donations were largely of fiction and the lighter literature, and while the librarians report a continued demand for such material, they say there is also a strong demand for books on engineering in all its branches and allied subjects such as physics, mathematics, chemistry, electricity and automobile technology.

As an aid toward the relief of this demand, technical societies in Southern California are calling on their members to bring in spare books. A card recently sent out by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, Los Angeles section, bore the following request to members, which has been followed in substance by other technical societies here:

"The Camp Kearney librarian asks us for technical and scientific books and magazines. Mr. Perry has agreed to forward them if we will deliver

them to any branch in Los Angeles. Send yours."

The Mr. Perry mentioned is Everett R. Perry, Los Angeles librarian, and a member of the national war library board. Mr. Perry said the response had been general, but still inadequate to meet the demand.

The camp librarian said, in discussing the call for such works by enlisted men, that army officers were pleased to learn of the technical studies of their men, as it indicated an intense interest in the more technical side of the soldiering profession, and the existence of a type of mind capable of assimilating the knowledge that qualifies the soldiers for later advancement.

## "PIG-KNITTER" LATEST TERM IN THE WAR

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 21.—Coincident with a recent appeal from the Red Cross for more workers there came to light here a sidelight on the views of women now giving many hours of their time each week toward those who put in plenty of time knitting for themselves.

"Pig-knitters" is the designation coined by determined workers to designate those who are considered to be camouflaging their personal comfort under seemingly patriotic aspect. A "pig-knitter" is one who appears in public places devoted to work for the soldiers and tolls for herself or her civilian friends, using time and material which might make for the comfort of a man in the trenches.

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(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Following is an additional list of the soldiers on the Tuscania who have been found alive, although previously on the list of missing:

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## ALL ASSISTING THE THRIFT MOVEMENT

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 21.—The thrift stamp and its relation to victory in the war have displaced in part the usual display and bulletin advertising of some of the local business firms, which have given their space to help the campaign. Recently, a local business house distributed several thousand blotters, the printed matter adorning them being entirely devoted to advancing the thrift movement.

"This blotter," said the article,

## AMERICAN VETERANS CELEBRATE ABROAD

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The annual reunion of the American Civil War Veterans in London this year was marked by a remarkable display of historic flags, a war-ration dinner, and a long program of speeches.

Col. Ambrose Pomeroy, president, and the principal speakers were the representatives of the American ambassador and the consul-general. Colonel Pomeroy gave an account of his experiences during 1,000 nights with the British troops at one of the great London terminals. The expenses of the reunion were met through a special fund provided by American women in London.

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